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Knock-out series starts Wednesday

A midweek knock-out competition, involving the eight First Division teams which missed out on the final premiership play-offs and the top four Second Division teams, will start next Wednesday night at Marks Field.

Double-headers will be played every Wednesday night, culminating with the final on Monday, October 2.

The First Division teams which finished fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth in the competition will receive byes in the first round and qualify automatically for the quarterfinals.

The bottom four First Division teams and the top four in the Second Division will meet each other on August 30 and September 6.

The quarterfinals will be played on September 13 and 20, the semifinals on Sunday, October 1, one day before the final.

The draw for the first double-header next Wednesday night is:

9th in Div. I v. 4th in Div. II.

10th in Div. I v. 3rd in Div. II.

The first match will start at 7 p.m., the late game at 8.30 p.m.

The sequence of matches will be determined later this week and all matches will be of 80 minutes duration, with extra-time if needed.

The following Wednesday, First Division 11 will meet the runners-up in Div. II and the First Division woodenspooner (Cumberland) will play the Second Division premiers.



It's a goal! Melita Eagles' centre-forward Mulqueeney raises his arms in triumph as team-mate Reid's shot hits the back of the net while the youthful Prague right-half, Rootsey, looks on helplessly. Prague, however, had the last laugh as they went on to beat Melita Eagles 5-2.

"DEALS" — PACT WON'T BIND US

Last week "Soccer World" was asked by the ASF secretary to withhold news about the proposed Saigon tournament.

We were told that this was "hush-hush" because it was being handled on a "Government level" — whatever that may mean.

We met this request, despite the fact that we knew months ago that a Vietnam trip was in the offing.

On Thursday Ian McAndrew rang all the papers to tell them about the "hush-hush" tournament, giving this as the reason for his trip to Kuala Lumpur.

Naturally, all the morning newspapers printed the story — while we missed out on it, though we could have had it a day earlier — if not weeks ago.

As a result of this remarkable episode we have decided that this newspaper will not be a party to "deals" in the future.

Neither on national nor on a State level will we "keep quiet" or "speak off the record."

We refuse to accept any more pleas from various officials that to print this or that story is "not in the interest of soccer."

From now on, we shall be the judges of this.

— SYDNEY TEAM GALLERY —



Melita Eagles' team against Prague last Saturday. Standing, from left to right: coach J. Vlasits, Woods, Eatoh, Arrighi, Cilia, Hewlett, Hunter. Front row: Mulqueeney, Bankhead, Mullan, Reid, Williams.

For the old spirit, go West, young man...

Western Australia performed most creditably at the prestigious Merdeka Tournament, held in Kuala Lumpur and Ipoh, in Malaysia.

Although they won only one of their group matches — against Thailand — their defeats by some of the strongest Asian teams were narrow and far from humiliating.

Western Australia showed a remarkable spirit of enterprise even to enter the tournament.

They did this after the ASF shortsightedly voted against sending our national team.

The ASF were offered all living expenses — but Western

Australia received no aid at all and had to raise every cent towards their cost.

It's small wonder that WA Federation president Julius Re got somewhat carried away and declared in Kuala Lumpur that they would seek affiliation to the Asian Confederation.

While this will be technically impossible for him to do, many people thoroughly frustrated with the ASF's leadership must sympathise with his sentiment.

Now Julius Re has been declared the "fall guy" for his statements and some ASF officials are hollering for his head.

Narrow defeats

Instead, they should honestly examine their own failure to recognise the marvellous opportunity the Merdeka offers and admit that they are bitterly disappointed that Western Australia have not been slaughtered...

That, to be sure, they were not.

WA lost their first match 3-2 to Malaysia in one of the best matches of the entire tournament.

The Australians led 2-1 well into the second half, but ran out of steam in the dying stages and went down 2-3.

The attendance at this, the opening match of the Merdeka Tournament, was 20,000.

Three days later India beat West Australia 3-1 before a

crowd of 15,000 with Lawlor the West's goalscorer.

Against Thailand, last Tuesday week, WA scored their first win of the Merdeka when they defeated the Asian Games quarterfinalists 3-1.

This match was witnessed by Malaysian Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman, the visiting British Minister of State to the Board of Trade, George Darling, and 15,000 spectators.

WA's goalscorers were Sobek (2) and Lawlor.

A mere 24 hours later a leg-weary West Australia were unable to contain South Vietnam, the 1966 Merdeka champions, and were beaten 3-0.

However, WA nearly pulled off a draw in their last match of Group "A" when they were narrowly beaten 2-3 by Hong Kong at Ipoh.

As against Malaysia, the Australians led early, through goals by Oughton and Pedia, but ran out of stamina in the second half.

West Australia, with one win and four losses, finished fifth of their group, ahead of Thailand, and on Thursday they met Singapore for the 9th and 10th place play-off.

Malaysia and South Vietnam qualified for the semifinals in Group "A", and South Korea and Burma in Group "B".

The West Australians proved popular with the 68,000 fans who saw their five matches.

The Malaysian Press described their style of play as

"typically British" and they were rated the "tallest team ever to play in Malaysia".

They were also complimented for their sportsmanship, but were obviously affected by the heat and the strain of playing five matches in nine days as they almost always faded towards the end of their matches.

On their way home from the Merdeka, Western Australia may play three matches.

The first will be against India in Madras, on August 28, followed by matches in Singapore and Djakarta.

These three games are certain to offset part of the \$8,000 they had to lay out for their trip.

STOP PRESS

NSW Federation president, Frank Parsons, and Management Committee member, Arthur George, tendered their resignations last Tuesday.

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The Sydney First Division clubs voted themselves a larger share of the Scottish and Manchester United tour profits than originally proposed by the Management Committee last Monday night.

The new split-up provides the First Division clubs with \$1,300 and the Second Division clubs with \$300.

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State:

READER CONTEST

SECTION 10

1. The winner of the Australian Junior Championship will be
2. The runner-up of the Australian Junior Championship will be
3. The exact score of the final will be

For each correct answer you receive 20 points. However, in order to qualify for the 20 points on Question 3, you must have given the correct answers to the first two. So if you get the final score right, but one or both of the teams wrong, you get no points. MAXIMUM POSSIBLE: 60 points.

MY SURNAME:

FIRST NAME:

FULL ADDRESS:

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Conditions of the contest

1. All readers of SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA are eligible to enter except employees and the immediate families of these and all metropolitan newspaper organisations in Australia.
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3. There is no limit to the number of entries provided they are all made on separate coupons.
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5. All coupons must be filled in legibly, preferably in ink and in printed letters.
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10. The Editorial Board of SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA jointly act as judges in both Contests. Their decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Prizes and rules

First prize in the PLAYERS CONTEST will be two economy class return air tickets to Singapore by ALITALIA. The player receiving the largest number of votes in each State throughout the period of the Contest will enter the Finals. At the end of the Contest a draw will be made to determine the eventual winner who may not be the player receiving the largest absolute number of votes.

Each week SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA will publish progress scores in the voting.

First prize in the READERS CONTEST will be one economy class return air ticket to Italy by ALITALIA.

The winner of this section will be the reader who accumulates the highest number of points throughout the various stages of the Contest.

For each section — the second appearing today — various points will be awarded. These, after the completion of each section, will be added up and tabulated, thus each reader's score will be carefully checked and kept. Progress standings will be periodically published in both SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA.

- Closing date for Section 10: 3 p.m., Tuesday, August 29.

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

JOHN ROBERTS, the former APIA and Australian international goalkeeper, is on trial with Fourth Division Chesterfield. On loan from Blackburn Rovers, Roberts made his Chesterfield debut against Crewe Alexandra last Saturday.

The Australian Federation of Soccer COACHES will hold an executive meeting in Sydney on September 9. Main items on the agenda will be the symposium in Melbourne later in the year and the appointment of a national team coach.

Australia's great goalie of the recent past, RON LORD, will coach junior representative goalkeepers in a series of summer clinics organised by the Bankstown District Association, Australia's largest junior body with 6,500 registered players.

Croatia's EDUARDO MASEY, out with a knee injury, is once again considering retirement.

EOAN CUTHBERT, South Coast's unlucky recent arrival from Britain, is off his crutches and has fully recovered from the knee operation he underwent after his first game in Australia two months ago. Cuthbert should prove a valuable asset to South Coast next year.

Hakoah secretary HARRY LAKMAKER suffered a deep loss last week with the death of his father-in-law.

Balgownie fullback ALAN CONNELLY broke his arm in the match against Corinthians last weekend.

MAX TOLSON has made a spectacular recovery from his cartilage operation. Last Sunday he made an appearance at the match against Pan Hellenic, and although still on crutches, he moved about freely and will start physiotherapy this week.

Berkeley United and Sutherland Rovers will contest the ROBERTSON CUP final for amateur Under-21 teams at Seymour Shaw Park, Miranda, on Sunday September 3 at 3 p.m. Entries for the Under-18 Cup close with the Sydney Metropolitan FA secretary, Brian Emery, this week. Up to 30 entries are expected.

One hundred and twenty championship-winning teams have entered the CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS series for district champion junior teams. The knock-out series will commence on Sunday, September 10, and should be completed on October 1.

The ASF national team sub-committee, composed of Tom Grimson, Ian Brusasco, John Barclay and Denes Adrigan,

representing the Australian Coaches' Federation, will meet in Sydney to discuss the implementation of an immediate national squad selection and training schedule. The emphasis will be placed on young players.

SOUTH COAST UNITED will play a match against a combined Illawarra District team next month. They also plan a trip to Melbourne at the end of September, or to Newcastle if the Victorian visit falls through.

HERBERT NINAUS did not turn up at Arlington Oval last Saturday although selected to play against Polonia. Club officials were at a loss to explain their star forward's mysterious absence. Their other top forward, Gerry Hood, out with injury, was watching Prague and Melita Eagles at Marks Field while the Berries were drawing with Polonia.

NELSON STIFFLE made his first team appearance this season for Bankstown last week.

It is now confirmed that Croatia coach MICHAEL KISS has been replaced by Frank Hearn. According to a rumor Kiss' downfall was caused by a fall-out with several players.

Sydney's share of the STATE AMATEUR FINALS will be played at Seymour Shaw Park, Miranda, on September 10. Appropriately, Sutherland will play Newcastle in the under-8 and 10 finals. Illawarra won the under-9 and 12 finals last weekend, and Newcastle were successful in under-8, 10, 13, and 15 grades.

At the explicit advice of SOCCER WORLD, ASF secretary Ian McAndrew last week made a rush trip to Kuala Lumpur. Two days before his departure SOCCER WORLD informed McAndrew of certain developments in Malaysia and suggested to him that if the ASF wanted to salvage even the remnants of the Asian tour, he should go to the Merdeka tournament where he can meet all the leading Asian officials. McAndrew took our advice and left two days later.

DON SANDELL, the strapping St. George forward,

broke his ankle against Croatia last week. This was confirmed by a doctor on Sunday.

day night. Sandell, however, is in a happy mood as his wife is expecting a baby any day.

One of Italy's highest decorations was bestowed on JIM BAYUTTI last week. The former ASF vice-president was made a knight of merit of the Italian Republic for services to Australian sport and immigration. Bayutti's full decoration reads "Cavaliere della ordine della Repubblica italiana". He will be decorated personally by Italian president Saragat in Sydney next month.

LOU BROICIC, until recently national coach of New Zealand, is keen to move to Australia. This former Yugoslav international, also ex-coach of famous clubs like Juventus (Italy) and CF Barcelona (Spain) can be contacted at 42 Salek Street, Wellington, E. 3, (New Zealand).

Pan Hellenic and Melita Eagles played a 0-0 DRAW in their deferred match at the Marks Field last Tuesday night. Pan Hellenic are now third on the table and Melita Eagles 10th.

POST-MORTEM ...OF A MATCH

— BY ALAN SPEERS —

Question: When is it possible for 3,500 people to disagree with one man, yet still be wrong?

Answer: When the 3,500 people are Italians, all rabid APIA fans and are not watching the referee's signal.

The above should not be construed as a prelude to plans by SOCCER WORLD to buy into the seemingly endless list of arguments, many of them nonsensical, that are part and parcel of some sections of the daily press.

It relates to an incident in the early stages of APIA's clash with Hakoah at Wentworth Park on Sunday, a match which produced probably the finest soccer this season.

The incident occurred after 10 minutes when APIA's Johnny Giacometti, from a free kick in front of the Hakoah goal, placed the ball over a defensive wall, and wide of goalkeeper Duncan Wilson, into the net.

Giacometti was delighted, so were his team mates, and so, too, were the 3,500 APIA fans on the terraces (give or take a few, since no official figures are available).

The only man not delighted, apart, of course, from Hakoah's players and supporters, was referee Harold Parsons.

He, amid all the congratulations being heaped on Giacometti, was instead gesturing to Wilson — himself a little bewildered — to take a goal kick.

Consternation! APIA's officials in the stand, apparently unable to believe their eyes, were asking all and sundry: "Why?"

Hakoah officials did not know why, but were glad, anyway.

Below, on terraces occupied predominantly by APIA fans, a balding gent, upset apparently

ly by the turn of events, was trying unsuccessfully, to rally some forces to climb over on to the dog track.

Three times he straddled the fence; three times he climbed down again, having failed to enlist the support of even one of his fellows.

As for referee Parsons' decision, perhaps it's easiest to let him explain:

"The kick was indirect, so it was obviously no goal, and I signalled it was indirect with my raised hand."

"I couldn't order the kick to be re-taken, as once it entered the net, it automatically became 'dead'," he said.

Having said that, it remains only to note that, once the confusion was sorted out, both teams turned on a brand of soccer all too rare in Sydney.

Soccer which would not have been out of place on the hallowed turf of Wembley.

The second half produced less excitement than the first — it could hardly have been otherwise — until, with four minutes left, Giacometti capitalised on a mix-up in the Hakoah defence and put the seal on APIA's comeback.

So justice was done, according to APIA's fans, while Hakoah can, justifiably, claim to be a little unlucky not to have at least shared the points.

It's probable that even the little fellow who tried so hard to rally his "troops", went home happy.

ACT ROUND-UP

Cooma beat Concordia 7-2 in the replay of the ACT (Canberra) First Division premiership semifinal last Sunday. In Second Division RAAF beat Kosciuszko 4-1.

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AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

CREAM OF AUST. YOUTH WILL THRILL SYDNEY

The Australian Junior Championship, which kicks off next Tuesday in Sydney, is one of the world's most remarkable youth football competitions.

It is doubtful if there are many, if any, junior State representative series anywhere which cater for teams drawn as far apart as the 3300 lonely miles lying between Perth and Newcastle.

The semifinals, to be played at E.S. Marks Field on Friday, September 1 at 7.30 p.m. and 9 p.m. under floodlights, should prove a real drawcard.

State teams are being coached by some of the nation's most experienced soccer strategists.

They include Bob Thomas, Victorian Coaches president, Tommy Dawson (Newcastle), John Birighitti (W.A.) and C. Votier (S.A.).

NSW is coached by Joe Vlasits (Melita Eagles) and managed by another soccer coach, Bill Vrolyks of Pan Hellenic.

Joe Vlasits declined to predict a winner for the series, because team strengths are difficult to predict until the games begin.

The NSW squad has had weekly coaching for two months.

Team officials have aimed to bring performances to a pitch with matches against Sydney CHS and the Federation Second Division leader, Manly-Warringah.

Indicative of the competition's value is the list of some of the star players who have appeared in the first four years of its existence.

These include Di Marchi (Victoria), De Lyster, Romanowicz (SA), R. Baartz (then Northern NSW), Fekete, Rorke, Yaeger, Thomson (NSW).

Of last year's successful NSW team Gary Manuel has had First Division experience with Prague, and Alan Piggott has played in St. George's first team.

The full draw is:

Tuesday, August 29.
1.30 — Victoria v. Tasmania, E.S. Marks Field; 1.30 — WA v. ACT, Wentworth Park; 3.00 — North. NSW v. SA, Wentworth Park.

Wednesday, August 30.
1.30 — SA v. ACT, E.S. Marks Field; 1.30 — North. NSW v. WA, Wentworth Park; 3.00 — Vic. v. NSW, Wentworth Park.

Thursday, August 31.
1.30 — NSW v. Tasmania, E.S. Marks Field; 1.30 — ACT v. North. NSW, Wentworth Park; 3.00 — SA v. WA, Wentworth Park.

Friday, September 1.
Semifinals at E.S. Marks Field, 7.00 and 9.00 p.m.

Sunday, September 3.
Final at Sydney Showground, at 11.45 a.m.

The competing squads are:
ACT: P. Kwazynski, G. Bordon (goalies); J. Milczuk, L. Hasillas, M. Samios (backs); W. Caruana, G. Bains, C. Stergion, J. Ivanovic (halves); J. Maslack, L. Antonioli, C. Jurkiewicz, P. Panopoulos, M. Skrzynecki, T. Nitra, T. Esposito (forwards). **Manager:** A. Vanderschlacht. **Trainer:** J. Kramer.

NSW: P. Gee, J. Flower, S. Wilkins (goalies); G. Brown, W. Henretty, K. Mapladoran (fullbacks); G. Sheppard, K. Doe, G. Gray, J. Cush (halves); J. McLoughlin (centre-half); K. Black, J. Pettie, G. Byles, R. Smith, E. Howarth, J. Brennan, G. Quesed, P. Thomas (forwards). (Two to be omitted.) **Coach:** J. Vlasits.

Victoria: V. Bekut (JUST), D. Milisavljevic (JUST) (goalies); G. Jasinski (Keilor City), P. Selve (Alexander Hostel) (backs); J. Rollnik (Ardeer Polonia) (centre-half); J. Feenstra (Wilhelmina), T. Hona (Hungaria), J. Laird (JUST), D. Todorovic (JUST) (halves); J. Wallace (Hungaria), S. Gasby (Sandringham), J. Galuzzo (Slavia), N. Racovale (Alexander), J. Adreocham (Fortuna Morwell), D. Gray (West Newport Lechia), K. Davidson (Hellas) (forwards); M. Uodorovic (JUST), Z. Szambolancsek (Ardeer Polonia) (utility men). **Coach:** B. Thomas.

South Australia: H. Alivizos (WA Hellas), R. Artz (Seacliff Austria), G. Braiotta (Polonia), J. Castello (Burnside Budapest), J. Cichinski (Polonia), T. Clark (Seacliff Austria), J. Eadsforth (Para Hills), L. Fasan (Malta United), C. Finos (WA Hellas), R. Harrison (USC Lion), M. Kavalcenti (Croatia), J. Larecki (Polonia), S. Marciniak (Polonia), W. Morris (Elizabeth City), A. Nicholson (Para Hills), B. Nyskovus (USC)

Lion), A. Pettit (Windsor Athletic), A. Roponi (Adelaide Juventus), E. Wright (WA Hellas). (To be reduced). **Coach:** C. Votier.

Tasmania: J. Wade, G. Munting, P. Davis, E. Dolliver, R. Dennis, J. Venatacci, C. Hawes, J. Genevesi, A. Stevens, S. Hiller, M. Head, Jack Dilba, John Dilba, S. Harvey, A. Robinson, S. Sorbian. **Coach:** J. Witherford. **Manager:** W. Drew.

Northern NSW: Darryl Hiskens (Cardiff), John Good-

bun (Awaba), Terry Lawler (Wallsend), Lee Bennis (Adamstown), Darryl Porter (Merewether), Greg Jackson (Wallsend), Jeff Finch (Awaba), Garry Hindmarsh (Cessnock), Warren Halvorsen (Cessnock), Stephen Hitchens (Adamstown), Keith Clark (Awaba), Alan Hayes (Wallsend), Keith Heane (Awaba), Lindsay Miller (Young Wallsend), Chris Talty (Belmont-Swansea), Trevor Smythe (Adamstown). **Coach:** T. Dawson.

THRILLING TUSSLE FOR CONTEST'S FIRST PRIZE

The SOCCER WORLD-LA FIAMMA Readers' Contest has reached a most interesting stage with only 20 points separating the top four contenders for the first prize of an Alitalia return trip to Italy.

With four more questions to go the first place is wide open.

Only one reader, St. George-Budapest president, Les Bordacs, had a perfect coupon in Section 9, correctly tipping the results of all 10 matches.

Section 9 results

100 points: L. Bordacs, Nth. Sydney.

90 points: R. Tamien, Adelaide, (SA).

80 points: B. Tomason, Burwood; C. Laws, Kings Cross; L. Scott, Ashfield; J. Juric, Leichhardt; B. McGinty, Burwood; V. Horvath, Sefton; G. Magri, North Melbourne (Vic.); G. D'Angelo, Maroubra; G. Baracetti, Redfern; L. Cardarelli, Green Valley; V. Crismale, Adelaide (SA); A. Lovrich, Lewisham; B. Mazzone, Underdale (SA); R. Pizzocco, Niddrie (Vic.); C. Schifilliti, Georges Hall.

70 points: H. Zengel, Peter-sham; I. Svigeli, Smithfield; S. Czipczer, Valley (Qld.); G. Bernhardt, Adamstown; E. Schindlaver, Greenacre; T. Paszek, Toongabbie; A. Margiotta, Drum-moyne; E. Manass, Padstow; S. Michopoulos, Pagewood; V. Horacek, Darlinghurst; F. Gregurev, Bowden (SA); P. Tsonis, Adelaide (SA); D. Malfone, Smithfield; F. Abbruzzo, Dee Why; S. Biazzo, Croydon; R. Buonanova, Five Dock; F. Buonanova, Ashfield; N. Colacicco, Leichhardt; S. Comandini, Ashbury; L. Crema, Bossley Park; G. De Francesco, North Melbourne (Vic.); Y. Degli Esposito, Leichhardt; A. Donato, Underdale (SA); R. Esposito, Fawkner (Vic.); R. Terrigal (NSW); M. Giuliani, Carlton (Vic.); A. Naccarella, Marrickville; M. Polesini, Essendon (Vic.); V. Sallustio, Ashbury; S. Tumino, Pascoe Vale (Vic.); Valvason, Summer Hill; A. Vellozzi, Wollongong, (NSW).

Progress points

510 points: S. Michopoulos, Pagewood.

500 points: V. Crismale, Adelaide (SA); C. Laws, Kings Cross.

490 points: L. Crema, Bossley Park.

470 points: J. Juric, Leichhardt; G. Baracetti, Redfern; R. Buonanova, Five Dock; Y. Degli Esposito, Leichhardt; A. Lovrich, Lewisham.

460 points: R. Esposito, Fawkner (Vic.).

450 points: R. Tamien, Adelaide (SA); S. Biazzo, Croydon; L. Cardarelli, Green Valley.

440 points: B. Mazzone, Underdale (SA); R. Pizzocco, Niddrie (Vic.); C. Schifilliti, Georges Hall; V. Sallustio, Ashbury.

430 points: S. Kaye, Brighton-le-Sands; A. Margiotta, Drum-moyne; D. Malfone, Smithfield; A. Naccarella, Marrickville.

420 points: G. Bernhardt, Adamstown; L. Bordacs, Nth. Sydney; P. Tsonis, Nth. Adelaide (SA).

410 points: S. Czipczer, Valley, (Qld); F. Abbruzzo, Dee Why; M. Giuliani, Carlton (Vic.); M. Mrsic, Paddington; Valvason, Summer Hill.

400 points: F. Gregurev, Bowden (SA); V. Voncina, Wiley Pk; G. De Francesco, Melbourne, (Vic.); S. Tumino, Pascoe Vale, (Vic.); A. Vellozzi, Wollongong, (NSW).

Players' Contest

St. George skipper John Warren gained on APFA's Giacometti in the last batch of players' votes.

READERS' LETTERS

McNABB'S STORY UPDATED

Stories like the Smith interview are always worthwhile.

But man's memory, especially under interview, is liable to error.

In the splendid story there are two vital errors and I add corrections to make the story authentic.

(1) J. McNabb did not play in the first Test in Sydney.

He was selected and was in training camp.

He was injured on the Thursday and replaced by Billy Morgan of Adamstown.

(2) The penalty-kick was in the third Test at Newcastle: the kicker was S. Eastham as Bernard Joy did not play — he was injured in Brisbane.

But despite these, Smith's interview reveals that McNabb was a grand goalkeeper.

However, Smith failed to reveal his own outstanding qualities — always a sportsman, a goalscorer with both feet and head and an efficient skipper.

Besides being official historian to the AFA (from 1927 to 1956) I was manager of the Australian team at Newcastle when we won the "Ashes" (2 tests to 1).

I felt that I made those celebrations for the players worthy of the occasion — thanks to McNabb's agility in saving the penalty.

But what did Bill Coolahan of Australia say to Eastham just before he took the "spot" kick? That was the real story!

Sid Grant
Rose Bay, NSW.

IN DEFENCE

I defend the management committee of the NSW Federation, because they individually and as a committee, and as administrators, will not, and should not have to defend themselves.

You stated that they have not replied to your articles therefore they must agree with them.

The committee is answerable to the people who elect them, the member clubs and no one else.

You said that the only bright spot on the horizon was the vast number of juniors playing.

How long do you think this will last if every written word about soccer is criticism?

If you have something constructive to suggest, put it in the form of a letter from "Soccer World" to the Federation, but for the sake of the code, stop publicly "knocking" the game.

The hardest job of the administrators of the juniors is to combat the "image" being created.

This image is not being created by the elected management committee because they are being "shouted out" in the publicity media, by gentlemen, not elected by anybody, who are "talkers" and not "workers".

The Federation management committee is working for the code of soccer.

If some things they do are wrong, according to your point of view, this is only natural because they are doing something.

The soccer community is full of people who can make suggestions.

There are few who can implement these suggestions.

You stated "soccer needs a leader".

Do you honestly think that any persons with the capabilities required would place themselves, if elected, in the position that no matter what decision was made they would be publicly criticised because it did not suit a certain section of the soccer community?

This is the whole basis of the problem.

There are too many people in the game, who have a say, that place other interests before the code.

While clubs elect people to represent them, who publicly state that the "district myth" should be replaced by licensed clubs for clubs to import overseas players, the code shall not be as strong in the "senior" ranks as it is in the "juniors".

Brian J. Emery,
Secretary of the
Sydney Metropolitan
Amateur Soccer
Football Association.

● Only one point: the basic role of the Press in a free society is not only to report but also to act as watchdogs; the need for this must be obvious in all spheres of public life, from politics to sport.

As for the "image", this is not created by the newspapers but merely reflected by them. — Editor.

BOUNCING BOYS

Which other sporting organisation would allow a bunch of simpleminded ballboys to annoy the paying public during soccer games by playing, passing or bouncing the ball among themselves behind the sidelines or behind the goals, and even forgetting to forward the ball to the players, as it happened on Drum-moyne Oval during the match between Polonia and Hakoah?

Could anyone imagine such an outrage happening, for instance, during tennis tournaments?

I think the Federation should order the linesmen to keep the ballboys during play in proper check, so that they may be restricted to do their duty and nothing else.

The problem is, of course: has the Federation the organisational power to protect the public from such a disgusting expression of crude provincialism?

A. Pritchard,
Epping, NSW.

Balgownie's Gala Day

The meteoric rise in junior soccer activities within NSW this season was greatly reflected at the Soccer Gala Day staged at Balgownie Sportsground recently when 2,376 juniors from the ages of four to 14 took part in knockout competitions in front of 4,000 spectators.

Twenty-eight trophies were presented during the day — 14 for the knockout competitions and fourteen for the march past which was staged in the afternoon.

Corrimal emerged as the district's top junior club on the South Coast, winning six of the 14 knockout finals and were narrowly beaten in three others.

Balgownie also had a successful day with three knockout titles and four wins in the march past.

Coledale Club made its first impression at Gala Day for several seasons when the club's under-14 thirds defeated Figtree in the knockout.

Warilla, the district's newest club put on a bold performance even though it made only one of the knockout finals.

— C. Spiteri

SAINTS NOW IN SPLENDID HOME

The new St. George-Budapest Soccer Club at Mortdale was officially opened last week in the most glittering social event of the soccer calendar.

More than 200 guests, including all the St. George players in smart navy-blue uniforms, packed the brand-new clubhouse.

The guests of honor were the NSW Minister for Lands, T. L. Lewis, and the president of the Australian Soccer Federation, Sir William Walkley, and Lady Walkley.

Also present were all Federal and State parliamentaries from the St. George district, Hurstville municipal councillors, the NSW Federation management committee and most of the Sydney club presidents and their wives.

After a few speeches by visiting dignitaries, the master of ceremonies, ABC commentator, Martin Royal, asked Sir William Walkley to perform the official opening of the club.

During his brief speech, Sir William made a plea

to the Minister of Lands for more soccer grounds and expressed the hope that the State Government may give some thought to financing a new stadium for Sydney in the near future.

Everyone present marvelled at the superb premises of what is undoubtedly the most spacious, well-appointed soccer club in Sydney.

Converted from a former Police Boys' Club, Saints' "Soccer House" is the perfect model of what all Sydney clubs should aim for.

With more than 500 members already and a long waiting list, within two years the club should be booming.

The soccer club is already well known in the area and is attracting increasing numbers of local residents.

— Lou Gautier

COMPETITION TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

Grade I.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	16	3	1	57	17	35
St. George	12	5	4	38	26	29
Hakoah	10	5	6	36	20	25
Pan Hellenic	10	4	6	57	29	24
Croatia	8	7	5	33	25	23
Canterbury	8	4	9	36	46	20
Polonia	7	5	9	27	48	19
Prague	6	6	9	34	40	18
Yugal	7	3	11	35	53	17
SCU	4	6	11	29	39	14
Melita Eagles	6	2	12	23	37	14
Cumberland	4	2	15	26	53	10

Grade II.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	14	2	5	70	33	30
Prague	12	3	5	51	30	27
Croatia	11	4	5	52	30	26
Cumberland	11	4	6	57	36	26
Pan Hellenic	12	2	6	38	29	26
St. George	9	5	7	52	25	23
APIA	9	3	8	51	47	21
Polonia	8	5	8	41	48	21
SCU	4	6	11	25	50	14
Melita Eagles	4	4	12	32	59	12
Canterbury	3	6	11	30	58	12
Yugal	3	1	17	23	77	7

Grade III.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cumberland	17	3	1	65	22	37
Prague	14	3	3	57	17	31
Croatia	14	3	3	61	22	31
St. George	10	5	6	43	24	25
SCU	9	5	7	50	33	23
Polonia-NS	8	5	8	27	28	21
Hakoah	10	1	10	34	44	21
Pan Hellenic	7	4	10	30	27	18
Canterbury	7	3	11	24	47	17
APIA	6	4	10	31	51	16
Melita Eagles	1	2	18	17	55	4
Yugal	1	2	17	13	81	4

SECOND DIVISION

Grade I.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	15	4	2	59	21	34
Granville	14	5	2	60	18	33
Bankstown	11	5	5	52	29	27
Western Subs.	11	4	6	44	32	26
Sutherland	10	4	7	46	33	24
Corinthians	11	2	8	34	33	24
Marconi	8	6	7	30	27	22
Hornsby-NE	5	8	8	36	37	18
Nth. Bankstown	8	1	12	29	34	17
Balgownie	5	5	11	31	37	15
Lane Cove	2	5	14	15	46	9
Blacktown	1	1	19	16	103	3

Grade II.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Western Subs.	15	3	3	71	29	33
Granville	16	1	4	65	33	33
Sutherland	13	2	6	67	37	28
Manly	11	5	4	65	27	27
Hornsby-NE	12	2	7	55	41	26
Bankstown	11	2	8	53	40	24
Balgownie	10	3	8	34	35	23
N. Bankstown	8	5	8	48	46	21
Marconi	7	4	10	42	52	18
Corinthians	3	5	13	27	58	11
Lane Cove	2	2	17	28	64	6
Blacktown	—	2	19	11	103	2

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION (Second and Third Grade)

Prague v. Melita Eagles	2-1	2-1
Canterbury v. Polonia	0-3	1-2
SCU v. Pan Hellenic	1-2	0-4
Croatia v. St. George	2-1	2-0
Cumberland v. Yugal	3-1	4-2
Hakoah v. APIA	4-1	3-1

SECOND DIVISION (First and Second Grade)

West. Sub. v. Corinthians	3-1	8-0
Sutherland v. Marconi	3-1	1-1
Bankstown v. N. B'town	2-1	2-0
Manly v. Hornsby	4-1	1-1
Lane Cove v. Granville	0-4	0-3
Manly v. Blacktown	12-0	8-0
Corinthians v. Balgownie	1-0	0-2
West. Subs. v. Hornsby	2-2	6-0
Sutherland v. N. B'town	7-3	1-1

LEADING SCORERS

Giacometti (APIA)	18
Warren (St. George)	16
Karyannis (Pan Hellenic)	15
Bartz (Hakoah)	13
Logan (Pan Hellenic)	12
Ninaus (Canterbury)	11
J. Alagich (Yugal)	10
Keddie (Cumberland)	10
Hood (Canterbury)	9
Watkins (APIA)	9
Blue (APIA)	8
F. Cush (Croatia)	8
Krawiarz (Polonia)	8

TEAM OF THE WEEK

NUELL (SCU)
WHITEHEAD (Canterbury)
PACANIN (Yugal)
WESTWATER (Pan Hellenic)
WATKISS (APIA)
RAFANELI (Yugal)
BARNETT (SCU)
G. MANUEL (Prague)
BLUE (APIA)
BAARTZ (Hakoah)
GIACOMETTI (APIA)

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SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

Canterbury

1 (0)

Hoare 72 min.

Polonia

1 (0)

Minol 60 min.

Prague

5 (2)

G. Manuel 15, 52 and 85 mins., Scheinflug 42 end 72 mins. (penalties).

Melita E.

2 (1)

Reid 45 min., Woods 60 min. (penalty).

Hakoah

2 (2)

Baartz 23 min., Yaager 27 min.

A.P.I.A.

3 (2)

Blue 31 min., Giacometti 34 and 86 mins.

Cumberland

2 (2)

Keddie 6 and 15 mins.

Yugal

4 (4)

Halpin 14 min., Bobic 17 and 43 mins., Lalic 26 min.

St. George

1 (0)

Barnett 74 min.

P. Hellenic

2 (1)

Karyannis 8 min., Westwater 50 min. (penalty).

Croatia

1 (1)

F. Cush 42 min.

St. George

1 (1)

Warren 8 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Demopoulos 4; Whitehead 4, Raeburn 3; Romanos 3, Sambrook 3, Hardy 3; Hoare 2, Galbraith 3, Rinos 3, Waters 3, Mucillo 3.

TOTAL: 34

Coach: G. Polgar.

Bout 3; Filok 3, Skiba 3; Adamson 3, Nowacki 3, Komoder 4; Oliver 3, Minol 4, Baker 3, Krawiarz 4, Gonzales 2.

TOTAL: 35

Coach: G. Azzopardi.

King 4; B. Tracey 4, Moulson 4; Rootsey 4, Zeman (sent off), Miner 4; Armytage 4, G. Manuel 5, Blanco 4, Scheinflug 4, Lissing 3, (replaced Gauto in 35th min.).

TOTAL: 40

Coach: J. Venglos.

Eaton 4; Hunter 4, Arrighi 2; Woods 3, Cilia 3, Hewlett 4 (Azzopardi 2); Mullan 3, Bankhead 3, Mulqueeney 2, Reid 3, Williams 2.

TOTAL: 33

Coach: J. Vlasits.

Wilson 3; Stewart 4, Hillsdon 4; Walsh 3, Marnoch 4, Yaager 4; Fekete 3, Harding 4, Jones 3, Baartz 5, Holden 4.

TOTAL: 41

Coach: T. Jelavic.

Taylor 3; Van Blerk 3, Ackerley 4; Hughes 5, Watkiss 5, Bottalico 4; Campbell 4, Campana 4, Blue 5, Kerklaan 3, Giacometti 4.

TOTAL: 44

Coach: M. Mazzina.

Hopkins 4; Addison 4, Dell 2; Thomson 2, Richards 3, Moffat 4; Keddie 4, Allan 3, Edwards 2, Goldie 3, Keenan 2.

TOTAL: 33

Coach: L. Qusted.

Ljubic 3 (Petrou 3, then Viskovic in the 84th min.); Nacinovic 3, Pacanin 4; Dunaj 4, Banicevic 4, Rafaneli 4; J. Alagich 3, Lalic 3, Halpin 4, Bobic 4, Edwards 2.

TOTAL: 38

Coach: F. Dunaj.

Nuell 5; Carr 3, Ringland 2; Davies 3, Barnes 3, Salisbury 4; Barnett 5, Tristram 3, Harrison 2, Freeme (sent off), Paterson 4.

TOTAL: 34

Coach: G. Barnett.

Clarke 4; Henson 3, Omeros 3; Westwater 5, Johnston 4, Hignett 3; Logan 3, Smith 5, Karyannis 3, McCulloch 3, Blitz 4.

TOTAL: 40

Coach: W. Vrolyks.

Corry 3, Lincoln 4, Curry 3, Shepherd 3, Sloan 3, Snedden 4, Swoboda 2, Tomicic 2, F. Cush 3, Giles 3, R. Cush 3.

TOTAL: 34.

Coach: F. Hearn.

Haffey 3, Isaac 3, Hillary 3, Schaefer 4, Morgan 4, Zuckerman 4, Stegbauer (replaced by Todd 30th min. — 2), Warren 4, Sandell 2, Fernandez 3, Telfer 2.

TOTAL: 34.

Coach: L. Hegyes.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Match rating: * *

With absolutely nothing at stake, this game was an extremely dull affair. The first half was very scrappy indeed, with both sets of forwards missing the easiest of goalscoring chances. The crowd was put to sleep by the dreary pace of the match and only woke up from its lethargy when the two second half goals were scored. Polonia's forwards did more work than their Canterbury counterparts, but somehow they never looked dangerous. Canterbury's reshuffled team never got going and were flattered by the final score as they never took the initiative.

Crowd: 1,400.

Referee: A. Faraone.

— STEPHEN PAIN

Match rating: * * *

Three penalties were scored in this rough, incident-packed game which Prague dominated from start to finish. Their supremacy was never in doubt as they were vastly superior both in defence and in attack. Their rejuvenated team, including six teenagers, had too much pace and power for the ageing Melita defence. The Eagles again failed in attack, but their shaky defence, this time, must shoulder the blame for their big defeat. Star of the match was the young Prague inside-right, Gary Manuel, whose hat-trick was a just reward for a lively, all-action performance.

Crowd: 1,500.

Referee: A. Sorbie.

— LINCOLN WALTERS

Match rating: * * * * *

Those lucky enough to see this match will always remember the first half which produced the best 45 minutes of soccer seen in Sydney for a long time. The first half had everything: atmosphere, four classic goals, excitement and superb football from both teams. Down 0-2, and with a goal disallowed, APIA pulled level within three minutes before halftime in a sustained display of sheer power and brilliance. Hakoah were worthy opponents and played some of their best football of the season. In the second half, however, they were unable to hold the flawless APIA machine and conceded the losing goal four minutes before fulltime. The second half was not as satisfying as the first as both teams were visibly exhausted.

Crowd: 4,200.

Referee: H. Parsons.

— LOU GAUTIER

Match rating: * * *

Yugal hammered in the final blow dooming Cumberland to relegation. Although Cumberland started well, and twice midway through the first half took the lead, their defence made blatant mistakes to let Yugal score four times before the break. Yugal deserved to win as they ran rings round the Cumberland defence at will and if it had not been for young goalkeeper Robert Hopkins, the score could have been much bigger. The match was marred in the second half when it developed into a hard slugging duel, causing many injuries and reshuffling of positions. Successful Yugal centre-forward Cliff Halpin finished up playing in his former position at centre-half and Yugal ended up using three goalkeepers.

Crowd: 847.

Referee: F. Woolman.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Match rating: * * *

Pan Hellenic started like a house on fire and, after scoring in the 8th minute, appeared likely to swamp South Coast, whose defence was at sixes and sevens. United goalie, Nuell, however, again performed miracles between the sticks and didn't concede another goal before the interval. In the second half, Pan Hellenic, as they so often do, ran out of steam and towards the end of the match had to struggle desperately to preserve the two points. In the final analysis they were lucky to come away with a victory as they were awarded a very generous penalty and had a few lucky escapes when Tristram and Harrison missed "open" goals. This was a hard-tackling, bruising match with very little good football, but plenty of determination on both sides.

Crowd: 3,252.

Referee: M. Buchanan.

— LEN SIMMONS

Match rating: * * *

The point gained here in a dour match has kept Croatia's semifinal hopes alive. It was a fairly even struggle with a lot of physical contact and none of the defenders stood on any ceremony in pursuit of their tasks. St. George perhaps had the more of the ball, but Croatia's attacks were slightly more dangerous. The standard was very mediocre, partly due to the absence of star forwards Cliss and Reynolds whose replacements simply couldn't hold their respective lines together.

Crowd: 2,600.

Referee: N. Jones.

— PAUL DEAN

Semifinal issue may only be decided in last minute

— By PAUL DEAN —

A big bravo to APIA, having won the championship; a sincere "servus" to the Saints for snatching second place — and our heartfelt sympathies to Cumberland who will be relegated.

These issues have all been decided, but the third and fourth places in the semifinal will not be known until possibly Sunday evening.

Hakoah, Pan Hellenic and Croatia are still in the running with various degrees of prospects.

Our tipping has been astray quite a few times this year but we risk it again and predict that Pan Hellenic and Hakoah will fill the third and fourth places on the table.

The last round:

Canterbury v. South Coast

Somehow Canterbury's great mid-season dash has evaporated and this may explain their recent indifferent form.

Of course, they have more than achieved their purpose — stay in First Division — and now they can set about building up for 1968 when even brighter things may be in store for them.

South Coast are having one of their most disastrous years which has also resulted in a big slump in their home attendances.

There is not a great deal of incentive for either team to win this match but knowing their spirit, both will try.

South Coast have not won this year in Sydney and it's hard to see them start now at Arlington.

Canterbury, though below their best, should clinch the two points.

Melita Eagles v. Croatia

The Eagles are now presumably at rest, sighing with relief that they have escaped relegation which at times came nightmarishly close.

It's doubtful if they will fight for every ball with their usual determination and it's even possible that coach Vlasits will give a chance to some youngsters.

Croatia's case is vastly different: they will be keen to win this and win well to retain their semifinal hopes.

To have any kind of a chance, they should win

here and score heaps of goals, then win or draw against APIA in their deferred match — and hope that Hakoah will fail.

Frankly, it's hard to see today's Croatia meet such a tall order.

However, against Melita they should win and so retain more than a passing interest for that vital, decisive last day of the competition.

St. George v. Cumberland

Only last week this looked like a potential humdinger, with the Saints shooting for second place and Cumberland still striving to avoid relegation.

Alas, both issues have been resolved and it's hard to see that either team will be able to concentrate very hard on the task ahead.

The Saints, still having serious forward problems, may try a new combination with an eye on the semi-finals.

Much will depend on the fitness of their three injured forwards, Cliss, Stegbauer and Sandell, as with their present quintet they could be in trouble even against Cumberland.

The Mona Park crew, now certainly the wooden-spooners, pin all their hopes on the Screening Committee for First Division status for next year.

Unless they are very determined to end the season on a pleasant note, they could expect yet another defeat.

APIA v. Polonia-NS

Unhappily, this is one of the clashes that will be a "mere" football match without an issue.

APIA from now on will undoubtedly prepare for the semifinals — if not grand final — and shouldn't be expected to turn on the fireworks.

However, the players — all players — are always keen to win, if for nothing else than for the bonuses and this is the chief hope

of spectators who make the journey to Leichhardt.

Polonia's remarkable recovery has swept them from the edge of doom to a nice middle position, no doubt largely due to coach Azzopardi.

With two of the State's best forwards in their ranks — Minol and Krawiarz — they can even trouble the fine APIA defence.

The final result could be close to a draw and the match may produce some really good football.

Pan Hellenic v. Prague

Regardless of the outcome of their tussle with Melita last Tuesday — at Press time — Pan Hellenic will run like demons to win this match and clinch their semifinal place.

They seem to have hit form at the right moment, and, if they keep it, should be one of the big attractions of the semis.

Prague, now experimenting with youth for 1968, will certainly offer spirited opposition.

With one of the finest young teams in NSW in the making, they cannot be taken too easily, as their show against Melita demonstrated.

However, for Pan Hellenic this match may be absolutely vital to win and it's Athens to a brick they will do all they can to win it.

Unless the Prague youngsters outdo themselves, we expect crackers and fireworks at the end of the match.

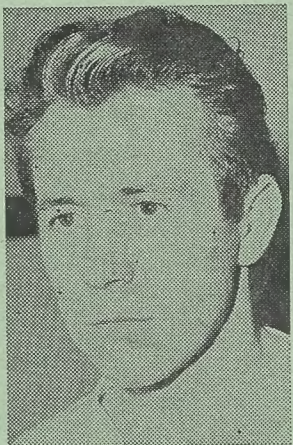
Yugal v. Hakoah

The semifinal which had appeared to be almost theirs for the asking has proved to be somewhat elusive for Hakoah.

In fact, this is a match they simply must win not to be caught on the post by Croatia.

Last week Hakoah proved that they still have considerable class in their

ROUND 22



Doug Holden (Hakoah)

ranks and their form isn't all that bad, either.

Yugal, having staged a grandstand finish, must be full of confidence.

However, they lack Hakoah's depth in skill — not to mention the incentive.

We tip Hakoah to win convincingly and thus reach the semis.

APIA v. Croatia

This match could make or break Croatia's aspirations, so you can safely brace yourself for a gigantic battle.

Under normal circumstances perhaps APIA wouldn't be too interested in the outcome, having won the championship with something to spare.

But Croatia have caused them so much unhappiness in the last two years that APIA have a debt to settle.

So regardless of APIA's peace of mind, they will want to win this match, maybe more than any other they have won this year.

Croatia, especially if they win against Melita, will stage a desperate battle for the points.

However, on their present form, even with Reynolds back in their team, we don't think they can repeat their first round victory.

SYDNEY PROGRAM

THIS WEEKEND

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

K.O. Cup doubleheader — Marks Field (7 and 9 p.m.)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

Canterbury v. SCU — Arlington Oval
Melita Eagles v. Croatia — Mona Park
St. George v. Cumberland — SCG No. 2
APIA v. Polonia — Lambert Park
North Bankstown v. Manly — George Green

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Pan Hellenic v. Prague — Wentworth Park
Yugal v. Hakoah — Marks Field
Croatia v. APIA — Lambert Park (deferred match).
Western Suburbs v. Sutherland — Concord Oval
Marconi v. Lane Cove — Marconi Oval
Granville v. Bankstown — Macarthur Park
Blacktown v. Corinthians — Francis Park
Balgownie v. Hornsby-NE — Balgownie Oval

NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

SECOND DIVISION PLAY-OFFS

3rd v. 4th — Marks Field, 1.15 p.m.

Manly v. Granville — Marks Field, 3.00 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

FIRST DIVISION PLAY-OFFS

3rd v. 4th — Sydney Showground, 1.15 p.m.

APIA v. St. George — Sydney Showground, 3.00 p.m.

Early game at 11.45 a.m. —

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LINE-UPS

CANTERBURY

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HARDY
HOARE
GALBRAITH
RINOS
WATERS
CLARKE

SOUTH COAST

NUELL
CARR
RINGLAND
DAVIES
BARNES
SALISBURY
BEATTIE
BARNETT
HARRISON
TRISTRAM
PATERSON

MELITA EAGLES

EATON
HUNTER
ARRIGHI
WOODS
CLIA
HEWLETT
MULLAN
BANKHEAD
MULQUEENEY
REID
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KRAWIARZ
GONZALEZ

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WESTWATER
JOHNSTON
HIGNETT
LOGAN
SMITH
KARYANNIS
McCULLOCH
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MOULSON
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PACANIN
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RAFANELI
J. ALAGICH
LALIC
HALPIN
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W. EDWARDS

HAKOAH

WILSON
STEWART
HILLSDON
WALSH
MARNOC
YACGER
FEKETE
HARDING
JONES
BAARTZ
HOLDEN

TIPSTERS' CORNER

THIS WEEKEND'S

MATCHES

	PAUL DEAN	LOU GAUTIER	MARCEL NAGY	KEITH GILMOUR	CHARLES SPITERI	ALAN SPEERS	MOST FAVORED
Canterbury v. SCU	x	x	2	x	1	1	x
Melita Eagles v. Croatia	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
St. George v. Cum'land	1	1	1	1	1	x	1
APIA v. Polonia	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pan Hellenic v. Prague	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
Yugal v. Hakoah	2	2	2	2	x	1	2
Croatia v. APIA	x	2	2	2	2	x	2
N. Bankstown v. Manly	2	2	2	2	x	1	2
West. Subs. v. Suth'land	1	2	1	1	x	1	1
Marconi v. Lane Cove	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Granville v. Bankstown	x	1	1	1	1	1	1
Blacktown v. Corinthians	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Balgownie v. Hornsby	1	1	1	x	x	1	1

RESULT SCOREBOARD

	APIA	Hakoah	St. George	South Coast	Pan Hellenic	Prague	Croatia	Yugal	Cumberland	Polonia	Canterbury	M. Eagles
APIA	●	2-0	0-0	3-1	3-2	3-0	1-2	5-0	2-1	5-0	2-1	
Hakoah	2-3	●	2-3	1-1	1-1	1-0	0-1	5-0	2-1	4-0	1-3	3-1
St. George	1-4	1-6	●	4-3	0-0	5-1	2-1	2-0		4-1	1-2	2-1
South Coast	2-2	1-1	0-0	●		1-3	1-0	3-1	4-2	0-1	1-2	3-2
Pan Hellenic	1-3	1-0	2-0	1-0	●	1-2	2-3	2-2	2-3	7-1	7-0	
Prague	0-4	0-2	0-3	4-4	1-1	●	2-2	0-3	5-1	0-0	5-1	5-2
Croatia		0-1	1-1	1-1	2-0	2-2	●	5-0	2-1	0-4	5-1	1-1
Yugal		0-4	0-2	3-1	3-7	1-1	2-3	●	2-1	4-1	3-4	4-1
Cumberland		2-2	0-1	1-3	3-0	1-5	2-1	0-0	2-4	●	2-4	1-5
Polonia-NS		2-5	1-1	1-1	1-0	0-6	1-2	2-1	0-0	2-0	●	0-5
Canterbury		0-2	0-0	0-1		5-4	0-2	1-1	1-2	4-1	1-1	●
Melita Eagles		0-2	0-1	0-2	2-1	0-4	1-0		2-1	2-0	1-2	1-0



ROUND THE WORLD

Another honor for Busby

Matt Busby will be made an honorary citizen of Manchester next month. Sir Winston Churchill, Lord Derby and Woodrow Wilson, the former US president, are the only other celebrities ever accorded the honor by Manchester's Municipal Council.

Austrian star transfers

The highlight of the Austrian off-season was the transfer of star international centre-forward, Hans Buzek, from FK Austria to Wiener Sportklub for \$98,000. Buzek will play next to another international, Eric Hof, in the Wiener SK attack. This talented duo is expected to come close to clinching the Austrian championship for the club.

Russians have fine record

Since 1952 the Soviet national team played 114 matches. They have won 70, drawn 24 and lost 20. The Russians scored 215 goals and conceded 114. The Soviets' most recent international victory was in Moscow last week when they beat Poland 2-1 in the second of their first round Olympic qualifying matches. The Russians beat the Poles 1-0 in Wroclaw in the first leg two weeks earlier.

Hill to quit Coventry

The general manager of Coventry City, bearded Jimmy Hill, announced that he is to leave football management. He will continue with Coventry until the club finds a replacement, but will not stay on after the next football season. "British football is the most difficult in the world," he said. "The physical worry is that one is always living off someone else's performances." Hill, 39, is regarded as the virtual architect of the "soccer mad" city's club which he joined in 1961.

Some European Cup dates

Here are some dates of first round European Cupwinners' Cup matches: Bayern Munchen v. Panathinaikos — September 20 in Munich and October 18 in Athens; Hamburger SV v. Fraja — September 6 at Hamburg and September 20 in Copenhagen; Floriana (Malta) v. Breda (Holland) in Malta on September 21 and in Holland on October 12; Austria Wien v. Steaua Bucurest — September 13 in Vienna, September 21 in Bucurest; Valencia v. Crusaders Belfast in Spain on September 9 and in Ireland on the 11th of October.

Chicken feed?

Wolverhampton's brilliant young winger Dave Wagstaffe is threatening with an early retirement from soccer unless his demand for a new contract is met. Wagstaffe claims he can make more money outside soccer than what Wolves pay him — about \$200 weekly.



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The 1966-67 European Fair Cities' Cup final between Leeds United of England and Dinamo Zagreb of Yugoslavia will be played in Zagreb on August 30 and at Leeds on September 6.

● FC Nurnberg, the West German team, have signed Admira Vienna's Yugoslav goalie, Vukcevic.

● Another crack Yugoslav, 55-time "A" international fullback, Durkovic, has signed for the French Racing Club Strasbourg. There will be 10 Yugoslavs in French professional soccer this season.

● Former ace international forward, Ivanov, is the new coach of Torpedo Moscow. Ivanov replaces Marozov, who toured Australia in 1965.

● For the first time since 1962 there was an increase in Austrian First Division attendances last season. The competition attracted 1,038,074 spectators. The attendance in 1965-66 was 993,352.

● Another German player has gone to America. Tasmania Berlin's Herbert Finken has joined the Chicago Mustangs where he signed a \$16,000 contract for 18 months.

● Ex-Evertonian Dennis Stevens who is now with Tranmere Rovers — George Yardley's club — was a cousin of the late Duncan Edwards.

● Doncaster Rovers — Alick Jeffrey's present club — have had 11 managers in the last eight years. Current boss is George Raynor, ex-coach of Sweden.

● Ron Lewin, who was in Australia with Everton in 1965, is now the trainer of Newcastle United, under manager Joe Harvey.

● Sweden beat Finland 2-0 in Stockholm last week in front of only 12,000 spectators. The goals were scored by Eriksson and Danielsson.

● The Saint Sebastian Tournament in Spain was won by the local Second Division Spanish team who beat Independiente of Argentina in the final 3-2.

● Panathinaikos, the top Greek club, have finally settled on Bela Guttmann as their new coach to replace the Yugoslav Stefan Bobek. The former Benfica manager will earn \$1,500 a month.

● AC Milan have bought Aldo Rognoni, Modena's centre-forward, for \$20,000.

● The Italian Olympic team were beaten 5-1 by Queen's Park and 3-0 by Peterborough in England. Their third match, against Southampton, was drawn 2-2.

● Glasgow Rangers have signed, for \$150,000, Alex Ferguson of Dunfermline who recently toured Australia with Scotland.

● Sheffield United, one of the less glamorous English clubs, have made a profit of \$24,000 last season — their eight consecutive profitable year, which is a Football League record.

● Valencia, Real Madrid, Penarol and Vasco de Gama will take part in the annual Cadix Tournament, starting on September 2.

● Portugal has accepted to play a charity match against Venezuela at Caracas early next month to help the victims of the recent Caracas earthquake.

● Argentina will send mainly under-23 year-old players on their European tour, starting at the end of this month.

● A leading official of the Eintracht Frankfurt club has been arrested in Bulgaria for allegedly entering the country with a forged passport.

● Uruguay's former national team manager, Onidino Vieira is the new coach of Bangu, the Rio club.

● The star attraction of next week's match between former players of Slavia Prague and FC Zurich in Prague will be Planicka, the ace Czech goalie of the 1930's who is rated as one of the best 'keepers of all time.

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Fair Cities' Cup draw

This is the first round draw for the 1967-68 European Fair Cities' Cup: Malmö v. Liverpool, Lokomotive Leipzig v. Linfield Belfast, Bologna v. Lyn Oslo, Fiorentina v. Lille, Eintracht Frankfurt v. Notts Forest, Hibernian Edinburgh v. Porto, Bruges v. Sporting Lisbon, St. Patrick Dublin v. Bordeaux, Spora Luxembourg v. Leeds, Wiener SK v. Atletico Madrid, Rangers v. Dynamo Dresden, Vojvodina v. Setubal, Servette Geneva v. Munchen 1860, Bilbao v. Frem Copenhagen, DWS Amsterdam v. Dundee Utd., Napoli v. Hannover 96, FC Zurich v. Barcelona, FC Liege v. PAOK Salonika, Dinamo Zagreb v. Petrolul Ploesti, Royal Antwerp v. Goztepe Izmir, DOS Utrecht v. Zaragoza, Koln v. Slavia Prague, Dinamo Pitesti v. Ferencvaros, Partizan Belgrade v. Lokomotiv Plovdiv.

Kiwies seek Asian tour

New Zealand's national team, too, will undertake an Asian tour later in the year. It was decided last month that the national side, and not an Auckland XI as first planned, would go on tour. The Kiwis, however, only have a firm date for a match in New Caledonia so far and are still negotiating for games in Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea and Japan.

Next year's European finals

The final of the 1967-68 European Cupwinners' Cup will be played in Rotterdam, Holland, on May 23, 1968, at the Feyenoord Stadium. The European Champions' Cup final is almost certain to be played at Wembley on May 29.

"Seki" joins US club

Drago Sekularac, one of the most talented Yugoslav players of all time, has moved to the United States. The turbulent, temperamental "Seki" has joined the St. Louis club after failing to establish himself in West German soccer. Sekularac, however, was not poached. The Americans paid \$20,000 for him to Karlsruhe. Kostic, another Yugoslav international, also plays for St. Louis.

A Chilean fantasy?

According to a Santiago newspaper report, three of the brightest stars in world soccer will soon join Chilean clubs. Alfredo di Stefano is reported to be joining Universidad Catolica, the 1966 champions; Josef Masopust, Colo Colo; and Alberto Spencer, Penarol's Ecuadorian centre-forward is expected to sign with Universidad de Chile. European newspapers dismissed the Chilean report as sheer fantasy.

SCOREBOARD

FRANCE: Rennes v. Lens 4-0; Young Boys v. 1-0; Angers v. Rouen 3-0; Young Fellows 3-1.

WEST GERMANY: Munchen 1860 v. Braunschweig 1-1; Metz v. Red Star 1-1; Marseille v. 1-0; Aachen v. Bayern Munchen 0-4; Schalke 04 v. Moenchengladbach 3-4; Duisburg v. Borussia Dortmund 2-2; Etienne 0-1; Lyon v. Ajaccio 2-1; Lille v. Aix 2-1.

HOLLAND: ADO v. Fortuna 0-0; Go Ahead v. NAC 6-0; Telstar v. Ajax 0-3; DOS v. NEC 2-2; Feyenoord v. 3-1; Volendam v. 1-4; Kaiserslautern v. Neun-Xerxes 4-1; DWS v. PSV 1-2; Sittardia v. Twente 2-1; FC Koln 3-0.

YUGOSLAVIA: Red Star v. Dinamo Zagreb 2-2; Haj-zona v. FC Zurich 0-0; Biel duk v. Vojvodina 1-0; Olim-pia v. Lausanne 2-1; Chaux-de-pi v. Rijeka 0-2; Zeljeznicar v. Sion 1-1; Grasshop-pers v. Lugano 2-0; Lucerne v. FC Basel 4-2; Servette v. zan 0-0; Velez v. Sarajevo 3-1.

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JUVE. FACE HURDLE IN BIG TITLE CHASE

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

Melbourne must beat Slavia on Sunday to clinch the State League title. Even if Juventus win against Croatia, Melbourne would be in an unbeatable position with a two-points lead and a vastly superior goal average and only one more round to play.

However, a win for Melbourne over Slavia is by no means a certainty.

Slavia could surprise but I feel Melbourne won't let them settle down and sew up the championship.

JUST, having kissed goodbye to their Australia Cup hopes may do the same to Hakoah's who have recovered their scoring touch but have problems in defence where goals are rolling in against them to an alarming degree.

There's not a great deal to choose between this pair and JUST will have to pull their socks up after their sorry display against Slavia.

Polonia, with home ground advantage, should succeed against Lions. Polonia are playing better

than their results over the past two months indicate and with a superiority in class should account for Lions.

Juventus, with the hope that Melbourne will again be downed, face a stiff task against Croatia.

In every phase of the game except perhaps experience, Croatia have a

distinct pull and should win.

The Hellas v. George Cross clash should provide a tip-top attraction, as the Greek side still have a chance of making the four.

Unless the ASF lift their ban on Hellas for the Australia Cup, they could be the first side to qualify and be disqualified.

The get-together between Makedonia and Alexander may provide fireworks.

With a four-point deficit Makedonia have only the flimsiest chance of escaping the drop.

Unless a miracle happens, Makedonia are doomed and Alexander should drive the final nail in their coffin here.

Customary exodus starts

Every season about this time the Melbourne State League clubs are depleted through the return to Europe of more than a handful of players.

The trek back started a couple of weeks ago when David Short, the former Slavia winger who has been with Makedonia, returned to England.

In a couple of weeks' time Bill McGowan, the Melbourne left-back returns to Scotland.

And reports say that Tom Randles (Slavia), John Young (Croatia) and George Scott (Juventus) may all be hitting the trail back to the UK by the end of the year.

It's on the cards that several more players may have booked their passages back but are keeping it hush-hush for the time being.

Soccer fans pay through the nose — six bob a time, in fact — to see the State League soccer matches each weekend on Saturdays and Sundays and in the majority of games where there is no PA system at the grounds

they are left completely in the dark as to the composition of the teams.

Team line-ups are a "secret" in State League soccer, as neither of the Saturday morning newspapers manage to publish the lists so that the long suffering fans know who is playing.

The newspapers are blameless. The idea of publishing the line-ups, as it is done in all overseas countries, fell by the wayside with lack of co-operation by many of the Melbourne clubs some time ago after soccer writers had to resort to guess work with the majority of teams.

Lack of PA systems at most grounds is in itself not an excuse for keeping the line-ups secret.

Every club could have an improvised blackboard at their main gate with the names and positions of players of each side. Or is this too much to ask?

So long as important items like this are disregarded at our soccer, we are only small-time.

McAndrew tees up Asian tour

Australian Federation secretary Ian McAndrew returned from his lightning trip to the Merdeka Tournament in Kuala Lumpur last Tuesday with firm dates and venues for the Australian national team's Asian tour.

The team will leave Australia on October 30 for Saigon where it will play in a big international tournament in which South Vietnam, South Korea, Japan, Nationalist China, the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and New Zealand will also participate.

The tournament will last a fortnight, from November 1 to November 14.

Return fares for a party of 22 and all expenses will be paid for by the South Vietnamese.

While in Kuala Lumpur, McAndrew arranged for the team to play at least five matches on their way back to Australia.

Australia will play Thailand in Bangkok on November 19 and 22, Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur on November 25, and Indonesia in Djakarta on December 1 and 3.

— Lou Gautier

HELLAS IN LATE BID FOR ADELAIDE CROWN

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

Adelaide Juventus virtually clinched the 1967 SA premiership last Saturday when they defeated Croatia by an unrealistic 4-1.

Only a shock upset during Saturday's final championship round can now deprive Juventus of the league title.

Juventus will oppose Seaciff-Austria, secure in the knowledge that a draw will be sufficient to stave off Hellas who are a point behind and have an inferior goal average.

Juventus can expect spirited opposition from Austria who must win to regain fourth position from Croatia.

A "miracle" win by Austria seems highly unlikely.

Last week they crashed to Elizabeth City and it appears odds-on that they will surrender their Australia Cup chance to Croatia.

Croatia should pick up two certain points from wooden-spooners Port Adelaide.

Hellas will have to unleash their full fury against resurgent Elizabeth in the faint hope that Juventus drop both points to Austria.

Elizabeth, on the other hand, must hit the heights because they are not yet safe from relegation.

USC Lion could overtake Elizabeth if they defeat Victoria at Hindmarsh.

Assessed on recent form, Lion are capable of winning.

And win they must, because Budapest will enter

their final game against Polonia with justified hopes of success.

Polonia have been the most inconsistent team in Australia during the past four weeks.

Resounding losses to Victoria and Lion were preceded by a sensational win over Hellas and a defeat at the hands of bottom team, Port.

The last two defeats can be attributed to Polonia's attempt to play their short game on grounds affected by rain.

The return of fine weather would suit Polonia and could doom the talented Budapest youngsters to relegation.

The counting of referees' votes to decide the winner of the 1967 West End Medal, for the best and fairest player, will be telecast live by Channel 10 on Monday night. (August 28).

A panel of SA Federation officials headed by the president, Morrie Bailetti will open and record the votes.

The telecast will begin at 9.30 p.m.

I believe the winner will come from these five consistently brilliant players — Roy Parsons (Elizabeth), Rab Jones (Austria), John Lovell (Lion), Eugene Nowak (Polonia) and Billy Birch (Croatia).

VICTORIAN RESULTS

Alexander v. Melbourne 1-0. Scorer: Margarites for Alexander. Juventus v. Makedonia 5-2. Scorers: Torque 3, Di Marchi 2 for Juventus; Stankovic 2 for Makedonia.

Croatia v. Lions 4-1. Scorers: Vojtek 3, Gitzel for Croatia; Roseweir for Lions.

Slavia v. JUST 1-0. Scorer: Livingstone for Slavia.

Hakoah v. George Cross 4-3. Scorers: Armstrong 3, Anderson for Hakoah; Reilly 2, Sanchez for George Cross.

Hellas v. Polonia 4-3. Scorers: Kamboropoulos, Damianakos, Nestorides (own goal), for Hellas; Kowalec, Gadjia, (own goal) for Polonia.

VICTORIAN TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne	14	2	4	43	16	30
Juventus	12	4	4	34	19	28
Croatia	11	4	5	40	23	26
Hakoah	11	3	6	40	29	25
Hellas	8	7	5	45	33	23
JUST	9	4	7	39	47	22
Slavia	9	3	8	32	30	21
George Cross	6	5	9	32	37	17
Polonia	7	4	12	39	41	15
Lions	4	5	11	23	36	13
Alexander	4	4	12	22	44	12
Makedonia	3	2	15	23	57	8

AMATEUR RESULTS & TABLES

DIVISION I

Sydney Uni. v. Kewpies	4-0	1-2
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Sth. Sydney v. Ryde	2-0	5-1
Kewpies v. Artarmon	0-5	0-2
Sth. Sydney v. Lidcombe	0-0	5-2
Marrickville v. Thistle	2-1	6-0
NSW Uni. v. Ryde	1-1	2-2
Wenty War. v. N. Syd.	0-3	3-1

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Belmore v. L'pool Inter	2-1	—
Guildford v. Warringah	2-2	2-0
East Side v. Arncliffe	3-1	3-1

DIVISION III

St. Marys v. Ku-ring-gai	8-0	1-2
Blacktown v. Enmore	1-6	—
Dee Why v. Padstow	10-1	5-0
G'ville-H'by v. S'field	1-2	1-3
Condell Pk. v. L'pool C.	3-4	—
Condell Pk. v. Greenacre	2-2	3-2
St. Marys v. Padstow	15-0	4-0
L'pool C. v. Willoughby	2-3	—

	W	D	L	F	A	P
North Sydney	14	5	2	60	24	33
Artarmon	12	5	4	51	29	29
Marrickville	12	5	4	50	35	29
Ryde	9	7	5	44	30	25
Thistle	10	4	7	45	39	24
Concordia	9	5	7	40	41	23
South Sydney	7	7	7	39	36	21
Uni. NSW	6	6	7	30	25	18
Wenty War.	6	6	8	41	47	18
Kewpies	4	3	14	27	60	11
Lidcombe	1	7	12	22	49	9
Sydney Uni.	3	2	15	28	59	8

	W	D	L	F	A	P
East Side	15	4	2	59	22	34
Belmore	12	5	4	53	34	32
Warringah	12	3	6	54	28	27
Gymea	10	6	5	50	39	26
Guildford	9	7	4	49	29	25
Arncliffe	8	5	7	36	38	21
Riverside	8	4	8	43	42	20
Yagoona	6	4	10	46	48	16
All Stars	6	3	10	38	41	15
Penrith	6	3	12	46	55	15
Auburn	6	2	13	35	63	14
L'pool Inter	—	2	19	16	99	2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Enmore	21	—	—	165	21	42
St. Marys	16	1	4	102	38	33
Dee Why	14	2	5	72	38	30
G'ville-H'by	13	3	6	64	38	29
Condell Park	10	5	6	60	46	25
Willoughby	10	1	10	60	65	21
Smithfield	8	2	11	44	62	18
L'pool City	9	2	12	47	71	18
Greenacre	5	3	12	46	93	13
Blacktown	4	4	13	32	72	12
Ku-ring-gai	3	1	17	34	86	7
Padstow RSL	1	—	19	22	127	2

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

First Division: Wenty v. Sydney Uni. — Jones Park; Artarmon v. Sth. Sydney — Artarmon Park; Lidcombe v. Marrickville — Coleman Park; Thistle v. Uni. NSW — BTS Reserve.

Second Division: Gymea v. Belmore — Seymour Shaw Park; Yagoona v. Guildford — O'Neil Park; Penrith v. Arncliffe — Jamison Park; Riverside v. All Stars — Mahoney Park.

Third Division: Condell Park v. St. Marys — Bankstown Showground; Ku-ring-gai v. Blacktown — Asquith Oval; Willoughby v. Greenacre — Northbridge Oval.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

First Division: Kewpies v. Concordia — Colquhoun Park; Ryde v. North Sydney — Hall Field; Wenty v. Uni. NSW — Jones Park; Sydney Uni. v. Lidcombe — Outer Drummoyne Oval.

Second Division: Liverpool Inter v. Riverside — Jardine Park; Warringah v. East Side — Dee Why Oval; All Stars v. Auburn — Jones Park; Arncliffe v. Scots — Yagoona — Cahill Park (9.30 and 11 a.m.).

Third Division: Enmore v. Dee Why — Mackey Park; Padstow RSL v. Gladesville-Hornsby — Padstow Oval; Smithfield v. Liverpool City — Smithfield

ADELAIDE RESULTS

Seaciff-Austria v. Elizabeth City 1-4. Scorers: Artz for Austria; Kelly 2, Newton, Hunter, for Elizabeth.

Croatia v. Juventus 1-4. Scorers: Birch for Croatia; Cruz 2, Meneghetti, McColl, for Juventus.

Burnside - Budapest v. Port Adelaide 1-1. Scorers: Farkas for Budapest; Baines for Port.

Victoria v. Polonia 3-0. Scorers: McKenzie, Matiscak, Gerken.

USC Lion v. WA Hellas 2-4. Scorers: Chamberlain, Baxter for Lion; De Lyster 2, Batchelor, Marusic, for Hellas.

SA TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus	13	3	1	50	10	29
Hellas	12	4	1	45	16	28
Polonia	8	5	4	21	13	21
Croatia	5	6	6	25	25	16
Austria	7	2	8	23	29	16
Victoria	6	3	8	26	38	15
Elizabeth C.	4	5	8	20	28	13
Budapest	4	4	9	14	25	12
Lion	6	—	11	15	29	12
Pt. Adelaide	3	2	12	13	40	8

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SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

Promotion will be decided — Saturday

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

The promotion issue in one of the most interesting seasons on record is still undecided as we go into the final round.

Even at this late hour Manly cannot be certain of automatic promotion.

The first three places have been decided for the semis, but the number four position is still very much in doubt as Wests lost a valuable point against the unpredictable Hornsby last weekend.

Here are the match reports:

Manly v. Hornsby-NE 4-1

Manly only led 1-0 at half-time after many chances were wasted, but they capitalised better in the second half to score another three goals to win comfortably.

Hornsby, with five first graders injured, registered Bobby Hall, a former Auburn

player, who took the field for the first time.

Western Suburbs v. Corinthians 3-1

Wests led 1-0 at half-time and the only time the match came to life was when Alfie Orr scored the equaliser for Corinthians midway through the second stanza.

This shook up Western Suburbs who took command from then on to score another two goals and win the points.

Sutherland v. Marconi 3-1

Sutherland played the more constructive football throughout, even though two of the goals were scored through bad mistakes by the Marconi goalkeeper.

Only early in the second half did Marconi come to life when they equalised with a good shot by Seni, but lapsed again against the well balanced Sutherland attack.

Bankstown v. North Bankstown 2-1

Bankstown had the match won inside the first four minutes when successive shots by Tansley and Bamforth found the net.

Bankstown held the edge for most of the game, but the never-say-die Northerners played much better in the second half and were rewarded for their efforts when Roberts scored a good goal from a scrimmage.

Western Suburbs v. Hornsby-NE 2-2

Both sides had a fair share in the first half when Wests led 2-1.

After the interval Western Suburbs were in control of midfield for long periods, but time and again their forwards wasted easy scoring chances when in good position.

Hornsby equalised midway through the second half from a breakaway attack.

Sutherland v. North Bankstown 7-3

The first half was very even, in fact if there was any difference at all, it was in North Bankstown's favor.

FIRST DIVISION REFEREES

Canterbury v. SCU — A. R. Brown; Melita Eagles v. Croatia — K. Lockrey; St. George v. Cumberland — L. Rae; APIA v. Polonia — G. Naylor; Pan Hellenic v. Prague — N. Jones; Yugal v. Hakoah — J. Scarborough; Croatia v. APIA — A. Boskovic.

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But the Sutherland forwards suddenly found their shooting boots and in the space of 12 minutes they scored four great goals.

Sam Cucitti had one of his best games this season and scored a fine hat-trick.

Manly v. Blacktown 12-0

In a one-sided encounter at Graham Reserve, Manly unleashed all their power to crush Blacktown with a cricket score.

Manly led already 9-0 at half-time and still had command of the game after the interval despite Blacktown's stronger opposition.

Lane Cove v. Granville 0-4

Granville held a firm grip on midfield play throughout the game and never allowed Lane Cove much room for attacks.

Lane Cove, still playing with four reserve graders, mounted a few attacks, but could never pierce the solid Granville defence.

Corinthians v. Balgownie 1-0

Corinthians had to fight every inch of the way to keep both points at home against the resilient Balgownie.

A goal by Jeff Ambrose in the first half gave Corinthians the points.

THIS WEEKEND

The match of the week is certainly the clash between North Bankstown and Manly at George Green Oval on Saturday, where Manly must win to clinch promotion.

Granville, waiting and hoping for a last minute lapse by Manly, also have a hard opponent in Bankstown, and a win for Granville is a must.

Western Suburbs meet Sutherland in a vital game for both sides as a slip by Wests could mean a place in the semifinals for Sutherland or Corinthians.

Corinthians will find it easy against Blacktown while Marconi should win at Lane Cove.

WITH THE AMATEURS

THREE TEAMS IN SEMIS BATTLE

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Ryde and Bankstown Thistle will battle this weekend for the fourth position in the Inter-Suburban League First Division premiership, and inclusion in the final four championship play-offs.

Thistle plays University of NSW at Knight Park on Saturday, and Ryde plays the premier side, North Sydney Inter, at ELS Hall Ground on Sunday.

Ryde had an outstanding chance to make their place certain last weekend, but could only gain one point from two matches.

After going down 0-2 to South Sydney, Sunday's game against University of NSW provided plenty of good football and the 1-1 final score was a fair result.

In Second Division the third and fourth positions are also wide open with Warringah, Gynea and Guildford all in the running.

In Guildford's 2-2 draw with Warringah at Guildford Park, Arthur Carrig suffered probably broken ribs in a collision with Warringah's goalkeeper.

At Sylvania Reserve on Saturday, Gynea and Arncliffe Scots played a 3-3 draw.

Gynea were in front at 2-1, then Arncliffe held the upper hand at 3-2, before Gynea got the equaliser.

The Third Division semifinals are decided, with Enmore, St. Marys, Gladesville - Hornsby and Dee Why ahead of the rest of the field.

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SECOND GRADE

Canterbury: B. Lazaric; Eldridge, Allen; Tarlington, Domenici, R. Lazaric; Coulter, Salerno, Barak (1), Arrighi, Martin.

Polonia: Rule; Henretty, Thomson; Tansley, Mellish, McFadyen; Llewellyn, Knight (1), Chodkiewicz, McAlister (1), Parkin.

Referee: T. O'Reilly.

Prague: Earl; Hill, L. Rootsey; Parkhouse, Lovelady, Hrnir; G. Manuel, Thorne (2), D. Tracey, Lowry, Beards.

Melita Eagles: Gray; Wynn, Calleja; Doran, Fazackerley, Craig; Harris, Stuart (1), Kerry, Hutchinson, Prophet.

Referee: E. Truppe.

Hakoah: Fuzes; Berne, Jeffrey; McKnight, Coutts, Prukurat; Gold, Edmunds (1), Harivel (2), Collins (1), Taylor.

APIA: Dove; Callaghan, D. Parkin; Ardouin, C. Parkin, Juresic; Pedulla, Virano, Rivero, Gray (1), Gauld.

Referee: J. Stiff.

South Coast: Radburn; Melassin, Laws; Orphin, McInally, Stefanovic; Beattie (1), Conlin, Strachan, Newman, Tolhurst.

Pan Hellenic: Maglis; Walker (1), Stevenson; Petrou, Mallard, Frame; Demos, Bardetta (1), Laraman, Patrinos, Howard.

Referee: P. Scott.

Croatia: Fraser, Page, Bonazza, Stuart, Saric, Kirgan, Groll, Brennan, Dunlop, Massi, Longmuir.

St. George: Ramage, Wills, Bird, De Bruin, Taylor, Heaney, Todd, McCue, McColgan, Piggott, Mansfield.

Referee: T. Davies.

Cumberland: Fisher; Quesed, Wall; Fairway, Atherton, Desanti; Maes, Christie, Crocker (2), Grant, Vincent (1).

Yugal: Viskovic; Zivkovic, Crnich; Grbavski, Stosic, Clancy; Kozakovs, Takac, Fray, M. Alagich (1), Kesic.

Referee: H. Woods.

THIRD GRADE

Prague: Cook; Greer, Brown; Steffe, Hill, Sidens; Cooper (1), Dickinson (1), Wilcox, Constable, Perry.

Melita Eagles: J. Tanti; Williams, Aspostolidis; Leckemby, Campbell, Austin; Manarello, B. Harris, Nannaniello, A. Tanti, Dimento.

Referee: F. Denham.

Canterbury: Lindsay; Katsenos, Champion; Andrews, Gordon, Jurd; Williamson, Kadounis, Como, Kauz, Clarke.

Polonia-NS: Seymour; Henretty, Tomaszewski; Calphy, Fryer (1), Tarver; Morgan, Hanley (2), Bazak, Murray, Wolek.

Referee: P. McFarland.

Hakoah: Stern; Stanborough, J. Reichard; Smith, Ollier, Round (1), Berne (1), A. Reichard (1), Ams, Kovacic, Berger.

APIA: Dickinson; Staples, Graham; Phillips, Sambrook, Russell; King, McNamara, Asrea, Slater (1), McKenzie.

Referee: T. O'Reilly.

South Coast: McQuire; Newson, McMillan; Volk, Whitefield, Bott; McLeod, Sheppard, Papandreou, Sutherland, Griffiths.

Pan Hellenic: Parsons; Zumbo (1), Sparsis; Dredge, Campbell, Vrolyks; Byles, Pettie, Kerr (2), Kaperonis (1), Lindfriou.

Referee: R. Kerr.

Croatia: Easter, Row, Carr, McInnes, Clarke, Cush, Barboutis, Yaeger (1), Brian (1), Frakes, Thomson.

St. George: Ball, Adams, Gardner, Liddy, Stead, Harding, Tsolakis, Sztelma, Olive, Rodgers, Bushby.

Referee: R. Eastwood.

Cumberland: Collins; Haggart, Quesed; Desanti, Edwards, Furner (Lambert), Brennan, Smith, Watts (1), Vincent (2), Embury.

Yugal: Buettner; Cirjanic, Kipic; Tomic (o.g.), Ripley, Kydd; Capper, Hanstock, Aleksander, Glenday, Volar (2).

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